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Docket No. 55250USA1A.002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

GERALD M. BENSON and KENNETH
L. SMITHSerial No.: 09/515,978
Filed: February 25, 2000For: A COMPOUND MOLD AND
STRUCTURED SURFACE
ARTICLES CONTAINING
GEOMETRIC STRUCTURES
WITH COMPOUND FACES AND
METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Group Art Unit: 1722

Examiner:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Copies are enclosed of an additional document which is relevant to the captioned U.S. patent application, along with an additional PTO form PTO-FB-A820 (PTO-1449) listing the new document. A copy of the PCT International Search Report is also enclosed.

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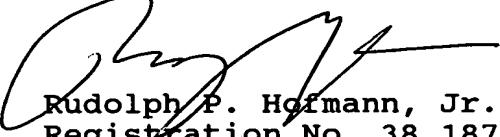
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application, and that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed form PTO-FB-A820.

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